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To: Examiner Michail Kornakov  
Group Art Unit No. 1746  
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From: Phillip E. Miller

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Re: Filing of Statement of Substance of Interview  
U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/935,699  
Our Ref: NGB.172

Dear Examiner:

Enclosed please find a Statement of Substance of Interview which covers the Personal Interview that we conducted with you on February 24, 2006.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this case.

Very truly yours,

  
Phillip E. Miller

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Enclosure

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Uemura et al.

Serial No.: 09/935,699

Group Art Unit: 1733

Filed: August 24, 2001

Examiner: Kornakov, Michail

For: METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING A GROUP III NITRIDE COMPOUND  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICEHonorable Commissioner of Patents  
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicant provides herewith his Statement of Substance of the telephone interview which was conducted between the Examiner and Applicant on February 24, 2006.

1. **Brief description of nature of exhibits/demonstrations:** N/A
2. **Claims discussed:** 21, 38.
3. **Prior art discussed:** Maniar
4. **Proposed amendments discussed:** The Examiner indicated that adding the limitations "*wherein said irradiating said surface of said wafer is performed after said patterning said resist layer*" or "*supplying said oxygen molecules to said surface of said wafer by supplying an oxygen-containing gas to said surface*" to claims 21 and 38 would likely overcome Maniar et al. (U. S. 5,525,542).
5. **Arguments made by Applicant's representative:** Applicant's representative pointed out, among other things, that Maniar does not teach or suggest "*wherein said irradiating said surface of said wafer is performed after said patterning said resist layer*", as recited in claim 32.
6. **Other pertinent matters:** N/A
7. **Result of Interview:** No agreement was reached.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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